



National Space Exploration Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the First Child In Space (FCIS) program. We have received your initial application, and it has been approved. Congratulations!

In three to four weeks, we will contact you to arrange to interview you and your parent or guardian at our Washington, D.C., offices. At that time, we will also administer tests to measure your ability in math, science, and other subjects.

Please see the reverse for more information about the FCIS program. We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

James Chapin, Director
NSEA First Child In Space Program



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FIRST CHILD IN SPACE PROGRAM

Have you ever dreamed of orbiting the Earth on board a space shuttle? Your dream could become a reality! To celebrate 30 years of manned space shuttle flights and mark the end of the shuttle program, the National Space Exploration Agency (NSEA) will send the first child into space next year. If you are between the ages of 7 and 15, physically fit, with aptitude in math and science, you are eligible to apply. Ten children will be selected to participate in a one-year training program. Upon completion of the program, one participant will be chosen to become the first child in space.

THE FCIS TRAINING PROGRAM

The First Child In Space (FCIS) Training Program will take place in Cape Canaveral, Florida. Housing and meals will be provided for the child and one parent or guardian.

The Training Program will include:

- rigorous fitness classes to prepare for the physical demands of space travel
- weekly flight simulations
- a minimum of 20 hours in a microgravity environment, with instruction in how to eat, sleep, exercise, bathe, and use the bathroom in space
- courses in basic astronomy, physics, aerospace engineering, and the history of space travel, taught by NSEA instructors. (Certified classroom teachers will provide instruction in regular academic subjects to ensure that trainees do not fall behind in school.)
- lunches and dinners with active and retired astronauts
- training in public speaking

THE FLIGHT

The trainee selected to be the First Child In Space (FCIS) will join a crew of four astronauts aboard a recently refurbished space shuttle that will orbit the Earth for approximately five days. The dates of the mission will be announced closer to the launch. The FCIS will be a passenger on the shuttle, not an active crewmember, but he or she will be required to assist with meal preparation and cleanup and write a daily blog about the experience of traveling in space. Upon return to Cape Canaveral, the FCIS must be available for TV and other media appearances. The FCIS will also be asked to speak at schools across the country over the course of the next year.

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